

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

KINCIADIE GREEN EARNS EAGLE SCOUT RANK

HON. C. SCOTT FRANKLIN

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 10, 2021

Mr. C. SCOTT FRANKLIN of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Kinciade Green of Dover, FL for earning the rank of Eagle Scout. Eagle Scout is the highest honor a Boy Scout can earn. Only a small percentage of Boy Scouts reach the rank of Eagle Scout. This honor requires years of effort to develop the necessary leadership, service and outdoor skills. To earn it, Kinciade's project included a flag retirement and a fire pit for use by the veterans of AMVETS post No. 26. He built five Adirondack chairs, four benches and cleared an area around the fire pit. The leadership skills he has learned through the Boy Scouts already benefit our community and will continue to help in countless ways.

Kinciade began his Scouting career as a Tiger Cub in Second Grade. He has been active in Scouting as well as his High School Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) Club and Junior Air Force ROTC organizations. He will represent his District for the second time this year at State FBLA competition.

On behalf of the Fifteenth Congressional District of Florida, congratulations again to Kinciade Green for becoming an Eagle Scout. We are proud of his continued success and thank him for his dedication to making our community a better place.

REMEMBERING DONALD F. "DON" STEVENS

HON. BARRY LOUDERMILK

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 10, 2021

Mr. LOUDERMILK. Madam Speaker, I rise today in memory of Donald F. "Don" Stevens, a friend, a Patriot, and a pillar of his community, who went to be with the Lord on January 27, 2021.

In the history of every community, there are leaders whose work shapes that community for generations to come. Don was one such leader. He has been called "the right man for the time" as Cherokee County transitioned from a rural community in the foothills of North Georgia to a metropolitan center. Don believed in the simple values of hard work, enthusiasm, and positivity—attributes he would come to exemplify in the Cherokee County community.

A retired Delta Airlines pilot, Don carried his love for aviation into a second career as the Chairman of the Cherokee County Airport Authority, where he fought to lengthen the municipal runway so it could accommodate more air traffic and larger jets. He believed the airport

would be the gateway to bringing business into Cherokee County, and he was right. He loved planes, and he and his son maintained and flew a beautiful vintage Cessna 195, and often soared through the blue North Georgia skies.

Don also loved classic cars. He could often be found at a weekend car show or in a parade. He was well known for his jokes, as he did his best to bring a laugh or a smile wherever he went.

Don was a generous man who loved people and believed in second chances. He was an outspoken advocate for criminal justice reform; and, he worked to establish Cherokee County's DUI Court, which today helps many win their battles with substance abuse and regain control of their lives. Years ago, Don and his wife, Lila, began Cherokee Thanksgiving, serving holiday meals to those in need throughout the community. He also served on the board of the Cherokee Bank, was a volunteer firefighter, and has been recognized by the Chamber of Commerce as a "First Citizen" of Cherokee County.

Don is survived by his wife, Lila, son Keith, two daughters, Janet and Kelly, and six grandchildren, who will long remember his passion for people and the community, and will carry on his wonderful legacy. On behalf of Georgia's 11th Congressional District and the United States House of Representatives, I commend and thank Donald F. Stevens for his life lived in humble service to the community.

INTRODUCTION OF THE WASHINGTON CHANNEL PUBLIC ACCESS ACT

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 10, 2021

Ms. NORTON. Madam Speaker, today, I rise to introduce the Washington Channel Public Access Act. This bill would prohibit the Secretary of the Army from finalizing, implementing or enforcing a proposed rule, or any other rule, that would restrict access to the Washington Channel (Channel) in the District of Columbia. The proposed rule is arbitrary, capricious and unnecessarily restricts recreational and commercial access to the Channel without providing any security benefits.

The proposed rule would establish a permanent restricted area in the Channel adjacent to Fort McNair, which would restrict access to the navigable portion of the Channel by narrowing the waterway where recreational and commercial vessels can traverse and prohibiting anchoring and mooring altogether. The U.S. Army Military District of Washington cites security needs at Fort McNair to justify the proposed rule.

Neighborhoods like the Navy Yard and the Wharf have reinvigorated community engagement on the waterfront, and the Channel is increasingly used for regional transportation and

recreation. The stretch of the Channel past Fort McNair is the only connection to the Potomac River. The proposed rule would likely force kayaks, paddleboards and recreational boats into the same space as water taxis and river cruise ships, creating a potentially dangerous situation.

I hosted a public meeting in which community members expressed overwhelming opposition to the proposed rule, but military officials did not address the question of whether less restrictive measures could provide the same security. I then wrote asking Secretary of Defense Lloyd Austin to direct the U.S. Army Military District of Washington and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to withdraw the proposed rule and to prohibit these agencies from proposing a similar rule. In response, the U.S. Army indicated that the proposed rule will not be finalized until an appointee of President Biden can review it. Despite this positive response, this bill is necessary to ensure the proposed rule, or any other rule that would restrict public access, does not go into effect.

I strongly urge my colleagues to support this bill.

INTRODUCTION OF THE HUMANE RESEARCH AND TESTING ACT OF 2021

HON. ALCEE L. HASTINGS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 10, 2021

Mr. HASTINGS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to introduce the Humane Research and Testing Act of 2021. The exact number of animals used in federally funded medical research is unknown, but estimates range widely from 17 to 100 million animals utilized each year. Despite this widespread use, animal testing often fails to produce valid results predictive of human trials. In particular, more than 30 percent of candidate drugs fail human clinical trials because they are found to be toxic, despite promising pre-clinical studies on animals. On top of this, 65 percent of medications that advance to human trials fail due to lack of efficacy even after completing clinical trials on animals.

Fortunately, there have been important advancements in medical research methods over the past several years. Animal testing is therefore no longer necessary in the many circumstances where non-animal alternatives are available. Some of these human-relevant methods include synthetic skin, synthetic organs, and various methods of chemical toxicity testing that can decrease the number of animals used. Recognizing the need to promote alternatives, Congress passed the NIH Revitalization Act of 1993, which in part directed the National Institutes of Health to outline a plan for reducing the number of animals used in research. Unfortunately, little progress has been made since the passage of this law, and animals continue to be used extensively despite new and improved methods and mounting evidence that animal testing can often be

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ineffective. The delayed adoption of these viable alternatives means that every year several million animals are needlessly held in captivity and oftentimes senselessly harmed by experiments in the process.

To rectify this situation, I am introducing the Humane Research and Testing Act of 2021 alongside my esteemed colleague and good friend Congressman VERN BUCHANAN. This legislation establishes the National Center for Alternatives to Animals in Research and Testing within the NIH. First, the National Center will provide assistance, funding, and training to educate scientists in alternatives to the use of animals in research. The National Center will also facilitate collaborations that provide scientists lacking resources with access to human-relevant methods. Second, the National Center will be tasked with tallying the number of animals used in federally funded research. Scientists receiving federal funding and government agencies that use animals in research will be required to submit regular reports to the National Center that state the number of animals used in their research projects, disaggregated by species, and they will also be required to outline a plan for reducing the number of animals they use.

Madam Speaker, I urge the House to swiftly pass this legislation. The establishment of a new center dedicated to encouraging human-relevant alternatives to animal testing is needed, so that the NIH can meet its goal of reducing the number of animals unnecessarily harmed in research every year.

IN RECOGNITION OF KIERSTEN
ENGLEBERT

HON. JOHN JOYCE

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 10, 2021

Mr. JOYCE of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Kiersten Englebert of Biglerville for her dedication to helping homeless veterans.

Kiersten, who holds the title of International United Miss Pennsylvania PreTeen, worked alongside fellow friends to provide vital items for her neighbors in need. She collected hygiene products, socks, hats, gloves and other items, filling 70 backpacks to support the work of local nonprofit For the Love of a Veteran.

Kiersten is an outstanding young woman who already has demonstrated great dedication to the people of Adams County. It is my pleasure to recognize Kiersten for this selfless work to serve our veterans in need, and I wish her continued success in this mission.

HONORING THE LEADERSHIP AND
LEGACY OF MARIA CUNHA

HON. LORI TRAHAN

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 10, 2021

Mrs. TRAHAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the leadership and legacy of a mentor and a friend, Maria Cunha, who will retire as Associate Dean and Director of the Out of School Youth Development Program at Middlesex Community College. Her most recent

years at MCC have had an immense impact on students and faculty alike, advising and supporting them in their educational and vocational pursuits.

Maria was born in the Azores and moved with her family to the United States in 1967, eventually settling in Lowell among a vibrant, proud Portuguese community. After graduating from Lowell High School in 1974, she went to Regis College and became the first in her family to graduate from college four years later.

Public service has always guided Maria's career. She worked as a teacher, interpreter, and mentor serving on countless non-profit boards and dedicated her life to advocating fiercely for families, children, and immigrants in our community.

For twelve years at the International Institute, Maria helped families navigate government agencies on their path to becoming citizens and creating a new life in the Greater Lowell region. She carried that passion for advocacy to her next role as Constituent Services Director in former Representative Marty Meehan's District Office. There, she continued her mission to provide the highest quality services to our community and exemplified the nobility of service—picking up the phone and listening to someone in crisis and delivering assistance; not giving up on someone in need of a hand; and advocating for resources and laws that fix our broken, inequitable systems.

Over the years, Maria has served as a role model and mentor to so many, myself included. She is what we all should aspire to be as public servants—a shining and tangible example of how government, education, and community are supposed to work.

Even in retirement, Maria will continue to champion those who don't have a voice, her rich Portuguese heritage, and immigrants in search of a better life here in our community.

Through her many years of service, Maria has made the City of Lowell a better place to call home. Thanks to her efforts, the City's future is bright, and I join Lowell residents and so many throughout our region in thanking her for her dedication to this incredible community.

HONORING ROBIN MACH

HON. BLAINE LUETKEMEYER

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 10, 2021

Mr. LUETKEMEYER. Madam Speaker, most of us had that special teacher growing up who went the extra mile and left a lasting impression on us. All these years later a few still come to mind right away. Recently a Missouri teacher, Robin Mach who teaches preschool in the Meramec Valley R-III School District, gave a whole new meaning to "going the extra mile" and became a real-life hero when she donated a kidney to one of her students.

Kayleigh Kulage was born premature at 26 weeks weighing only 15 ounces. From her very first day on earth Kayleigh had to fight for her survival and persevere in the face of the longest of odds, including living the first five years of her life with failing kidneys. In the summer of 2019, a Doris Hoffman Early Learning Center teacher met Kayleigh Kulage at a dentist office in Pacific, Missouri and encouraged the Kulage family to apply for edu-

cational services. In the fall of 2019, Ms. Robin, as Kayleigh calls her, began providing in-home educational services to Kayleigh. One year later, Kayleigh met the criteria to be placed on the transplant list. Ms. Robin talked to the Kulages about the donation process and ultimately decided to get tested to see if she would be a match for Kayleigh. As fate would have it, the two were a match, and on February 3, 2021, Robin and Kayleigh had successful surgeries to complete the transplant.

Robin Mach began working with pre-kindergarten students in 1999 and has long been known for going above the norm for her students. Dr. Stephanie Bechard stated, "Ms. Robin has always had a very strong sense of community and supporting our students outside of school. She always thinks of others in need and sees how all things affect our students and families. Her heart for our students, families, and community is monumental."

Monumental is an excellent way to describe the selflessness Robin Mach has displayed. She risked her life for her student and in doing so changed lives of that little girl and her family forever. She is a true hero among us, and we are lucky to have her educating our students and our community.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. KEN CALVERT

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 10, 2021

Mr. CALVERT. Madam Speaker, unfortunately I was prevented from voting on the motion to recommit on March 9, 2021. Had I been present, I would have voted yes on the motion to recommit H.R. 842.

GEORGE FLOYD JUSTICE IN
POLICING ACT OF 2021

SPEECH OF

HON. GWEN MOORE

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 3, 2021

Ms. MOORE of Wisconsin. Madam Speaker, I rise today in support of H.R. 1280—George Floyd Justice in Policing Act of 2021. This legislation has been a long time coming and for many it has arrive too little too late. Our nation is a work in progress, and we will continue to fight for equality under the law in every and all aspects.

This essential legislation has critical provision including supporting the need for more deescalation training for police officers, something that I have long fought for and which has proven time and time again to work. The bill will also block the transfer of weapons of war to police departments, end the no-knock warrants that led to the murder of Breonna Taylor, ban choke holds that killed Eric Garner and George Floyd, and finally end qualified immunity which has shielded police officers from receiving justice for killing or injuring members of the community.

As a member of the Congressional Black Caucus but more importantly as a black mother, grandmother, and now great-grandmother,